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THE Nashville American says: "According to the fusion Populists, in session at Sioux Falls, the treaty with Spain is a good treaty as regards Porto Rico and we must hold on to the island, but is a bad treaty as regards the Philippines and we must not retain the results of Dewey's victory. This is consistency for you with a vengeance. Yet these fusion Populists are the people who say they, in conjunction with the silver Republicans, will dictate the policy of the Democratic party."

MR. TOWNE, of Minnesota, who has been nominated by the Populists for vice president, is 41 years old. He was born in Michigan and lived in that state until ten years ago, when he moved to Duluth. Before leaving his native state he took an active part in politics as a Republican. He was first a candidate for office after he went to Minnesota, when he was elected to the fifty-fourth congress as a Republican. He became a "free silver Republican" in 1896, walking out of the St. Louis convention with Senator Teller and others. He was defeated for re-election to congress in 1896 and in 1898. Mr. Towne ranks high as an orator and debater.

WE have noticed an attempt on the part of some of the state press to condemn Senator Taliaferro severely for voting in favor of seating Mr. Quay, simply because he is a Republican we suppose. When it is remembered that Mr. Quay's influence in the U. S. senate has been of the greatest importance toward the welfare of our state; that he has taken so much interest in Florida as to earn the sobriquet of being her "third senator," it certainly seems that Senator Taliaferro's action was particularly justifiable. It should be remembered that in at least half a dozen instances heretofore distinguished Democratic leaders have uniformly voted to admit.

THE last report of the National Board of Fire Underwriters shows that the losses by fire in this country last year amounted to \$153,579,830, the greatest, by the way, for any year since 1871, except 1893, when they aggregated \$167,544,370. It would be interesting to know, asks the Times-Union and Citizen, what proportion of the property thus destroyed was insured, and to what extent incendiarism may be held responsible for losses so far in excess of anything that can be found out of the United States. But enormous as the aggregate represented by these losses is, it is much less than the sum total paid in premiums for fire insurance, and which should be taken into account in any comprehensive estimate of the expense involved in this direction.

AN exchange thinks that the nomination of Secretary of the Navy Long for vice president would be to Gen. Felix Agnus, of the Baltimore American "like shaking a red flag at a bull." The idea may be all right, but is not the figure of speech rather twisted? A "Happy Lamb" could not cut up uglier like an angry bull, even if it wanted to.

OUR first lesson to the Cubans in honest and efficient government, as exemplified in the Havana post-office, does not seem to have been a shining success. A shortage of \$12,000 a month is not a precedent to be proud of.

The Towne Nomination.

While it seems to be understood in a rather indirect way that Mr. Towne will not remain in second place on the Populist ticket, if by so doing he will injure Mr. Bryan's chances of success, it is very evident he would like to be Mr. Bryan's running mate on the Democratic ticket. But are there any prospects of his being nominated for second place at the Kansas City convention?

A member of the Democratic national committee is quoted as saying: "The candidate for vice president must be an eastern Democrat, and a man not only loyal to Democratic principles today, but in the past."

In view of the fact that Mr. Towne has been a silver Republican it is easy to see that there will be great opposition to his nomination in a Democratic convention, and while it may be true that he is in close harmony with the party that has nominated him, if the Democratic committeeman above mentioned speaks the sentiment of his party, Mr. Towne can hardly be acceptable at the coming Kansas City convention.

The general opinion now seems to be that the Populists made a great error in nominating Mr. Towne. What the Sioux City convention ought to have done before making their nomination was this: To consult with the Democrats in regard to making a nomination for vice president, and at least put up a man whom the Democrats could take without sacrificing themselves. The dominating influence of that convention, however, was determined to place the Democratic party in the position of having to accept part of the Populist ticket, but it may be fully understood that Mr. Towne is to come down anyhow in case an eastern Democrat is nominated for second place, as it is too much to expect that the Democratic party will permit itself to be dictated to by the Populists in this respect. We will be pleased to have their aid and assistance, but the campaign must be Democratic and led by Democratic candidates.

Comptroller B. S. Coler, of New York city, would make a splendid candidate for vice president. It is claimed that he is one man who can carry New York Democratic, even against Roosevelt. If this be the case his nomination would be a wise one, for with New York state Democratic that party will be almost sure to win. Then it seems that a better man than Mr. Coler could not be found. He also supported Mr. Bryan in 1896, although the Bryan ticket then did not get much support from the prominent Democrats in New York.

Where to Make the Fight.

The Mobile Register says that the Populists poll something over a million votes, and should Mr. Bryan abandon the cause of silver the Populists will abandon him.

In answer to the above statement the Key West Inter-Ocean makes the following appropriate remarks as to just where the battle should be fought—in New York—as follows:

"True, they might, and a great many worse calamities might happen to the Democratic party than the abandonment of the Populists. If Mr. Bryan secures the nomination his chances of election will become brighter as each Populist idea is eliminated from the Democratic platform.

The Register's statement that the Populists poll over a million votes does not need challenging. It makes no difference. Only in California and Kansas is the Populist vote large enough to turn the scale, and there is no certainty that such would be the case this year, even were the Chicago platform adopted in the Kansas City convention.

Recurring to the Inter-Ocean's remarks a few days ago regarding the adoption of a platform that would suit the people of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Indiana and other northern states that are naturally Democratic, how will it profit a Democratic candidate to win the electoral vote of California and Kansas and lose that of New

York and the other states mentioned?

The debatable ground is where the battle should be fought—and that is in New York.

In 1892 Cleveland carried New York by over 45,000, and in 1896 Mr. Bryan lost it by 268,469; yet the following year in the election of a chief justice New York was Democratic by over 60,000, and last year the popular war hero, Roosevelt, was elected governor by less than 18,000.

It is far more reasonable to work for victory in states where the electoral vote is large and the inclination, with proper guidance, is toward Democracy, than to hustle around in the woolly west, trying to corral the elusive Populist.

Put forth the efforts where the work will bring results. Only in this way can the Democrats carry the national election.

Not to proceed in the manner outlined above leads to a question: Is it Democracy that is being catered to in the matter of platform and candidates, or is it sectional antipathy? The west against the east."

State Bureau of Highways.

In a recent circular the agricultural department calls attention to the fact that thirty-one states have created labor bureaus of industrial statistics, while but half-a-dozen have highway commissioners with jurisdiction over road affairs. Taking this for a text the Buffalo Evening News says:

"The average state legislature is startlingly prolific in measures for regulating almost every conceivable business that is carried on within the state. It does not stop with regulating the activities of mankind, but occasionally takes a shy at the laws of nature, suspending them or repealing them, according to their own pleasure. Singularly enough, the most important question that most vitally concerns the industrial prosperity of the state—that of good roads and how to provide for their construction—is almost entirely ignored by the legislatures. Some of the states whose legislatures put in their time fixing passenger rates for the railroads provide nothing but mud roads on which the farmer must haul his products to the market.

The first steps in the inauguration of a good roads movement in each state should be to legalize a bureau of highways or the appointment of a non-partisan highway commission, whose duties should be to establish a capable engineer in each county, to systematize local laws and locate suitable material for road purposes. The system of "working out road taxes" should be abolished and the poll taxes should be collected in cash. This, combined with the principle of state aid, is the only practical solution of the good roads problem. In addition to this work on the part of the state congress should appropriate funds for the offices of public road inquiries or the establishment of a national highway bureau to co-operate with the states in educating public sentiment concerning the importance of good roads and how to construct them."

Here is a very pertinent suggestion for the next legislature to act upon. The great good that a progressive road movement has already accomplished for several of the counties in this state is the most comprehensive evidence necessary to stimulate the formation of a state bureau for highways.

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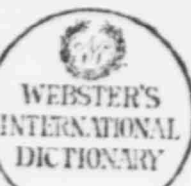
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